JUNE 11, 2017 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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MASS TIMES
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 8:45 & 10:30 am (ASL)
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 7:30 am
Wednesday - 9:30 am
Dear Friends:

It is June, traditionally a month that is associated with weddings. Last weekend we celebrated our only June wedding here at St. Pascal’s, between Joe Reisdorf and Simone Schneider, and it was reason for me to reflect upon a very significant cultural shift these days, namely, young couples who increasingly don’t care to bother to get married in churches any more. That’s not just a St. Pascal’s thing or even a Catholic thing. It’s a generational thing, and it is worthy of our thoughtful consideration. It was important for Joe and Simone to be married in church, but they are becoming more the exception than the rule.

As recently as when I was first ordained it was being seriously debated among bishops in Minnesota whether couples who lived together before their weddings should be allowed the privilege of a Catholic church ceremony. In our own local archdiocese no bishop ever expressly forbade that, but in some nearby dioceses that was the case. I can tell you from personal experience that the number of “co-habiting” pre-marriage couples has skyrocketed in the past 25 years (not including those couples who lied to the priest about it--and many did). And I think most priests can figure out when they are being lied to...). If we were now to fail to welcome couples who live together prior to their wedding day we would have very many fewer church ceremonies than we do.

But the bigger issue has less to do with co-habitation (It seems that for many young Catholics that is an antiquated and uninteresting question). It is, rather, the matter of why anyone ought to care about “doing a wedding” in a church at all. Increasingly the preference seems to be to celebrate the event at a park, on the beach, in a hotel, in Mexico or some other “destination.” What’s that about? I can’t say for sure, but I suspect it’s mostly about aesthetics...about the visual beauty of a place and the sensory stimulation of an experience. That’s not all wrong as a consideration, I suppose. But as we Catholics see it, that’s not the primary consideration for a wedding experience...even though St. Pascal’s is a very lovely venue for such a thing. In our Catholic understanding of things, a marriage has a necessary dimension of being a public witness to the church, and our regulations are meant to ensure that such an important public event is never separated from the community of faith--physically, by being celebrated "on-site." Increasingly that message seems to be getting lost on a newer generation of Catholics. It’s disappointing to priests and parents (and REALLY disappointing to grandparents), but it calls out the question of what we ought to be doing in response.

Here’s where a bit of historical knowledge might be able to help. Marriage was not finally defined as one of the official Catholic sacraments until sometime after the year 1000. But since that time, there has been no other way for Catholics to be validly married except sacramentally. To say it another way, a Catholic can’t rightly get married civilly without also being married (including physically) in the church. We might ask, why not? To this day in Europe couples, including Catholic ones, get married civilly, by the courts/judge, and then decide afterward whether or not to approach the church for a sacramental blessing of that union. It is a more flexible system that encourages Catholic married couples to be sacramentally recognized but that doesn’t automatically define the union as “invalid” if they do not elect to do that.

Here’s another situation in which the passing of time and events and culture has eclipsed Canon Law, and in which our first collective institutional instinct has been to shout out on the insistence of Canon Law. Maybe we need to re-think this, for the health and vitality of our church.

Fr. Mike Byron

We Care Campaign

Next weekend, June 17-18, St. Pascal’s parish will gather the loose change and bills from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee’s We Care Campaign. The three options chosen by the committee for its summer project are:

Option 1: Hmong American Partnership

The Hmong American Partnership is a non-profit organization founded to serve the Hmong community in Minnesota by improving the lives of individuals and families through culturally sensitive social services and by focusing on empowering the refugee and immigrant community by moving its clients out of poverty towards social and financial prosperity.

Option 2: Smile International Network

The Smile International Network is an organization that provides life-altering reconstructive surgeries and related healthcare services to impoverished children and adults in developing countries.

Option 3: The Sheridan Story

The Sheridan Story is an organization in the Twin Cities area that fights child hunger by providing a weekend supply of food to hungry children whose only meals may be the breakfasts and lunches given to them at school.

We encourage you to make a personal contribution as well, using the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish every other month or found on the tables located by the doors leading into the church. If you prefer to give to one or more of these charities, please indicate this by marking the appropriate option(s) on the envelope. Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options. Thank you for your generosity.

Confirmed by the Holy Spirit

We welcome into full communion with the Church and this community of faith:

David James Crowe

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen you and make you a witness to Christ’s love.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Thomas Tate

Dolores Rowan

who were recently buried from our church.

We extend our sincere sympathy to their family and friends, and pray for their souls’ eternal peace.
Congratulations to the St. Pascal Baylon Class of 2017!
Great and gracious Lord,
Bless our graduating students. Offer them strength, courage and discernment as they continue their education in high school and beyond. May they make lifelong friends and find your plan for their lives in the experiences you provide. May the joy and comfort of your presence always be felt and appreciated. Amen

♦ Emily Bueno: Twin Cities Academy
♦ Lazaro Carrera: Cretin-Durham Hall
♦ Justice Dallenbach: Mahtomedi
♦ Brendan Fernlund: Woodbury
♦ Gregory Goedker: Johnson
♦ Colibri Lopez-Munoz: Visitation
♦ Samuel Malec: Woodbury
♦ Ajibola Omoyeni: Hill-Murray
♦ Antonio Rojas: Hill-Murray
♦ Patrick Wanschura: St. Agnes
♦ Maxwell Weber: Cretin-Derham
♦ Aiden Wolfard: North St. Paul

St. Pascal’s: Thank You!
The family of Mary Ann Schaefer wishes to thank the St. Pascal’s community for their generosity during her Celebration of Life last month.

Parish Office Summer Hours
Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Have a fun, safe and blessed summer!

SummerFest Planning Meeting
Our next planning for SummerFest will be this coming Thursday, June 15, at 6:30 PM in the Staff Lounge. All are invited to join us. If you have any ideas or suggestions for SummerFest and are unable to make it on the 15th, please contact the Festival chair, Mike Kelleher, at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org.

We are also looking for someone to be in charge of the kitchen on the day of the Festival, August 13. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Mike Kelleher at the address above.

ST. PASCAL’S SCHOOL NEWS

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Don’t Miss Out on Summer Stretch 2017
For: Youth going into grades 6-9 in fall 2017—grades 10-12 can serve as peer leaders.
Dates: July 31, August 1, 2 and 3
Cost: $50 for participants
$30 for peer leaders
Includes T-shirt, entrance to recreational activities, and ValleyFair.
Limited scholarships available.
Registration Deadline: Friday, June 16.
Limit of 24 participants and 6 peer leaders.
Registration packets with detailed information are available in kiosks and online at www.stpascals.org For more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office

Baptism for Older Children
According to the guidelines of the Church, once a child has reached the age of reason (generally considered age 7), s/he then follows the preparation process for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This process involves you and your child walking with other children and adults over a period of time to grow into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. If you have a child over the age of 7 who is not yet baptized, or has been baptized in another faith tradition and would like to become Catholic, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office to begin a conversation.

Come One, Come All To A Fantastic St. Pascal’s Weekend!
St. Pascal’s All School Reunion and Parish Summerfest
All School Reunion—Saturday, August 12 after the 4:30 Mass
Alums, parishioners, school families and friends of St. Pascal’s are all invited to attend. Enjoy craft beer, wine and good eats while listening to live music and connecting with new and old friends. Please contact Mary Worley at mary.worley@stpascals.org or 774.1585 with any questions.

Parish Summerfest—Sunday, August 13 from noon-5:00 PM
The weekend fun continues on this new date for our fantastic Parish Festival featuring great food, live music, children’s games, sweepstakes and more. Don’t miss the craft sale and diversity showcase—new this year. To volunteer or for more information, email Festival Chair, Mike Kelleher, at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org.

Parish Contact Information
Parish Office 651.774.1585
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Email church@stpascals.org

Parish Office Summer Hours
Mon-Fri 8:00 - 3:30 PM
Holidays as announced

After Hours Emergency Number
For death, dying or anointing of the sick 651.280.9239

School Contact Information
School Office 651.776.0092
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Email: laurie.jennrich@stpascals.org

School Office Summer Hours
June
Mon - Fri 8:30 - 2:30 PM
July Office hours by appointment
August
Mon - Fri 8:00 - 4:00 PM

Parish Councils
Parish Pastoral Council
Ann Karner, Chair
Meetings - 1ST Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Parish Finance Council
John Knoll, Chair
Meetings - 4TH Thursday at 6:30 PM

Sacramental Information
Reconciliation
Saturday at 4:00 and by appointment

Baptism
Pre-baptismal classes are required.
To register for classes or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

Marriage
Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

Parish Prayer Line
8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004
Mary Butler-Levine
4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248
Pat Kackman

Parish Communication
Bulletin Notices
Please email notices to the parish office by 3:00 PM Monday—hard copy notices must be in by 2:00 PM.
Email to thea.munoz@stpascals.org.
Bulletin inserts are limited to 3 inserts per weekend and are included at the discretion of the pastor.

Mass Announcements
Direct to Sharon Balcom by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.
Week Ahead
Visit us at www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

Sunday, June 11—HOLY TRINITY
After Masses New Member Registration: BH
1:00pm Private Event: BH, Kit

Monday, June 12
Summer hours begin: thru September 1
9:30am Nia TBD: OC
7:00pm Women’s Book Club: FR

Tuesday, June 13 through Friday, June 16
No daily Mass

Tuesday, June 13
No scheduled events

Wednesday, June 14
10:30am Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: Chapel
5:30pm Men’s Club Softball: CF

Thursday, June 15
9:30am Nia: OC

Friday, June 16
No scheduled events

Saturday, June 17—Anointing Weekend
SJCC We Care Campaign
10:00am VBS Prep: CF, OC, SL

Sunday, June 18—CORPUS CHRISTI
Anointing Weekend
SJCC We Care Campaign
Happy Father’s Day!
12:00pm VBS Prep: Cafeteria, OC, SL

MEETING LOCATION KEY:
BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, SL: Staff Lounge

Women’s Book Club—Monday, June 12 at 7:00 PM
Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club? Do it this month! We meet in the Founders Room on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month, we will discuss Three Weissmans of Westport by Cathleen Schine and next month, July 10, we’ll share thoughts about Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery.

St. Pascal’s Women’s Club 2017 Disbursements
In May, the Women’s club decides how to disburse the monies raised over the year. We voted to disburse funds to 3 areas—St. Pascal’s Church, St. Pascal’s School, and one international charity. Funds provided to parish include the St. Pascal’s Endowment, one spring campaign, and the other (Incl Holy Day) to parishioners for your support of the Women’s Club events over the year. For details please contact Ellen Aeling at 307-8241 or ellenaeling@gmail.com. Thank you to all of St. Pascal’s parishioners for your support of the Women’s Club events over the year.
The parish festival comes early this year, so it’s time to start creating theme baskets! Individuals, families, and groups are invited to contribute to this festival favorite.

FEELING CREATIVE?

*Here are some ideas to get you started…*

- Games
- Movies
- Sports
- Crafts (scrapbooking, stamping)
- Wine
- Chocolate
- Spa
- Cat/Dog Lover
- Cooking/Baking
- Superheroes
- Princesses
- Legos
- Books
- Knitting
- and more!

CREATIVELY CHALLENGED, BUT WANT TO HELP?

Consider contributing to a “big ticket” item such as a Fit Bit or iPad by making a donation via cash, check, or gift cards to Best Buy or Target. We’ll do the shopping for you!

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*Theme baskets can be dropped off at the parish office beginning June 25.*

For more information or to donate, contact Kim Roering at kim.roering@stpascals.org or 651-774-1585, ext. 128